

IN THE CLAIMS

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are presented below.

Please amend claims as follows:

1.-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) A method, used in a computer system that includes a user input device coupled to a processor, a display and a memory, for viewing at least one of a plurality of documents, including a document selected as a current document displayed in a first display area of the display, the method comprising:

(a) in response to a first signal from the user input device corresponding to movement of a pointer over a link within the current document displayed in the first display area, displaying in a second display area of the display a representation of content of another document associated by the link to the current document without selecting the other document as the current document and further without displaying the other document in the first display area of the display;

(b) in response to a second signal indicative of a selection of the link within the document currently being displayed from the user input device, the second signal distinguishing from the first signal, selecting the other document as the current document;

(c) displaying the other document as the current document in the first display area of the display; and

(d) repeatedly performing steps (a), (b), and (c), re-using the first and second

display areas of the display, to present different documents in the plurality of documents to a user.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein said representation of content is a thumb nail image of the document.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26 wherein said thumb nail image further includes highlighting of concepts of interest to the user contained within the document.

28. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein said plurality of documents in a non-directed arrangement comprises pages of the World Wide Web.

29. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein said plurality of documents includes Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) documents.

30. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein said plurality of documents includes documents produced by a word processing program.

31. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein said plurality of links comprises at least one Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

32. (Previously Presented) A computer program product, used in a computer system that includes a user input device coupled to a processor, a display and a memory,

for viewing at least one of a plurality of documents, including a document selected as a current document displayed in a first display area of the display, said computer program product comprising:

(a) code for displaying in a second display area of the display a representation of content of another document associated by a link to the current document in response to a first signal from the user input device corresponding to movement of a pointer over the link within the current document displayed in the first display area, without selecting the other document as the current document and further without displaying the other document in the first display area of the display;

(b) code for selecting the other document as the current document in response to a second signal indicative of a selection of the link within the document currently being displayed from the user input device, wherein the second signal is distinguishable from the first signal;

(c) code for displaying the other document as the current document in the first display area of the display; and

(d) code for repeatedly performing steps (a), (b), and (c), re-using the first and second display areas of the display, to present different documents in the plurality of documents to a user; and

a computer readable storage medium for holding said codes.

33. (Original) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein said representation of content is a thumb nail image of the document.

34. (Original) The computer program product of claim 33 wherein said thumb nail image further includes highlighting of concepts of interest to the user contained within the document.

35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein said plurality of documents in a non-directed arrangement comprises pages of the World Wide Web.

36. (Original) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein said plurality of documents includes Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) documents.

37. (Original) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein said plurality of documents includes documents produced by a word processing program.

38. (Original) The computer program product of claim 32 wherein said plurality of links comprises at least one Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

39. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for viewing at least one of a plurality of documents in a non-directed arrangement comprising:

a memory;

a user input device;

a display adapted to display a document selected as a current document in a first display area; and

a processor operatively disposed to:

(a) in response to a first signal from the user input device corresponding to movement of a pointer over a link within the current document displayed in the first display area, displaying in a second display area of the display a representation of content of another document associated by the link to the current document, without selecting the other document as the current document and further without displaying the other document in the first display area of the display;

(b) in response to a second signal indicative of a selection of the link within the document currently being displayed from the user input device, the second signal distinguishing from the first signal, selecting the other document as the current document;

(c) displaying the other document as the current document in the first display area of the display; and

(d) repeatedly performing steps (a), (b), and (c), re-using the first and second display areas of the display, to present different documents in the plurality of documents to a user.

40. (Original) The apparatus of claim 39 wherein said representation of content is a thumb nail image of the document.

41. (Original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein said thumb nail image further includes highlighting of concepts of interest to the user contained within the document.

42. (Original) The apparatus of claim 39 wherein said plurality of documents in a non-directed arrangement comprises pages of the World Wide Web.

43. (Original) The apparatus of claim 39 wherein said plurality of documents includes Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML) documents.

44. (Original) The apparatus of claim 39 wherein said plurality of documents includes documents produced by a word processing program.

45. (Original) The apparatus of claim 39 wherein said plurality of links comprises at least one Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

46. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
moving a pointer in a first display area of a display displaying a current document;
displaying in a second display area of the display, in response to the pointer movement in the first display area over a link within the current document, content associated with the current document, without selecting the content as the current document and without displaying the content in the first display area of the display;
moving the pointer over a portion of the content being displayed in the second display area;
making a selection while the pointer is over the portion of the content; and

replacing the current document with a representation of another document as the current document in the first display area of the display in response to the selection.

47. (New) A method, used in a computer system that includes a user input device coupled to a processor, a display and a memory, for viewing at least one of a plurality of documents, including a document selected as a current document displayed in a first display area of the display, the method comprising:

(a) in response to a first signal from the user input device corresponding to movement of a pointer over a link within the current document displayed in the first display area,

fetching a document associated by the link within the current document,

and

displaying in a second display area of the display a representation of content of the fetched document associated by the link without selecting the other document as the current document and further without displaying the other document in the first display area of the display;

(b) in response to a second signal indicative of a selection of the representation of content of the fetched document displayed in the second area,

setting the current document as a prior document and selecting the fetched document as the new current document

displaying the fetched document as the new current document in the first display area of the display;

displaying the prior document in a third display area of the display; and

(c) repeatedly performing steps (a) and (b) re-using the first, second, and third

display areas of the display, to present different documents in the plurality of documents to a user.